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LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, May 23 -- Toots Shor Restaurant, 51 West 51st Street
Cocktails at 12:30 PM (NOTE TIME) -- Luncheon at 1 PM sharp
Members: \$2.75 each. Guests: \$3.25 each. Tip & Tax included

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AUSTRIA'S POLITICAL SITUATION TODAY

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HIS EXCELLENCY LEOPOLD FIGL
Chancellor of the Republic of Austria

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The Overseas Press Club is honored to hear, on the occasion of one of his few public appearances in the U.S., His Excellency Dr. Leopold Figl, Chancellor of Austria, now here on his first visit to America.

The distinguished statesman and former Dachau inmate, who rose to Austria's leadership in its postwar years, brings newsmen an informed, intimate talk on affairs in the friendly Central European nation still divided by four-power occupation.

Please make reservations early for this outstanding luncheon, as seating may be limited. Presiding will be Past President LOUIS P. LOCHNER, who will be introduced by President WILLIAM P. GRAY. Note the starting hour, necessitated by Chancellor Figl's receiving New York's medal of honor at City Hall just before the OPC luncheon.

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: THE BULLETIN BOARD :
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First meeting of the new Board of Governors will be held Tuesday, May 27th, 5:30 PM, at the OPC, to discuss committee appointments and plans for the coming year. Members who wish to participate in any particular phase of Club activity are urged to communicate with President William P. Gray now.

CORRESPONDENTS FUND MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Members and Directors of the Correspondents Fund of the OPC, to elect new officers and directors, will be held at the Town Hall Club, 123 West 43rd St., Friday, June 6, 1952 at 12:30 PM.

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The Acting Chairman of the Admissions Committee announces the election to active membership in the Overseas Press Club of America of the following candidate:

DWIGHT MARTIN, Tokyo Bureau chief, Time-Life International

FAN MAIL) Laudatory letters are pouring into Club Headquarters and to individual members
DEPARTMENT) of the Dinner Committee praising the 1952 Awards dinner as "one of the best ever attended" by old-timers and newcomers alike...One letter praised the program... "one of the best-balanced program of speakers of any of the many dinners I've sat through"... another liked the balanced menu--especially the roast beef..."so sick of seeing chicken..."

Immediately following the dinner, Publicity Chairman LEN SMITH gave a 15-minute radio report over WJZ covering the speeches and awards. LEN was interviewed by George Harrison Combs in a broadcast from the Sherbrooke, Park Avenue. After reviewing the dinner highlights, LEN put in a plug for the Correspondent's Memorial Fund which was so effective that several telephone callers following the broadcast asked Combs where to send contributions to the Memorial Fund...PS: SMITH also recruited the radio newsman for club membership after the interview.

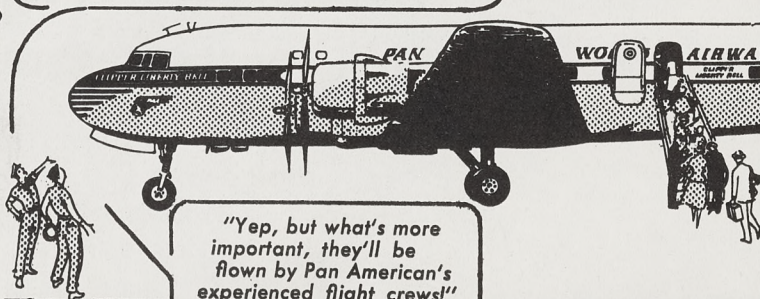
Time, Inc. has announced plans to publish for the first time in a foreign language. Starting in Jan. 1953, the company will circulate a fortnightly Spanish language edition of Life in Latin America and other Spanish-speaking areas. Ex-Seattle news bureau chief JERRY HANNIFIN is helping on editorial plans for the new edition. Staff is currently being recruited.

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RUSSELL ANDERSON BECOMES CHAIRMAN OF "BULLETIN" EDITORIAL BOARD; NAMES TWO CO-EDITORS

President WILLIAM P. GRAY today announced the appointment of RUSSELL F. ANDERSON, Editorial Director of McGraw-Hill World News (the foreign service for the 34 magazines making up the McGraw-Hill group) as Chairman of the Bulletin Committee and Editorial Board. ANDERSON, author of the Saturday Review piece entitled "The Disappearing Foreign Correspondent", also serves as director of McGraw-Hill's Overseas Business Services.

A combat correspondent attached to the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theatre 1944-45, ANDERSON covered England, France and Italy from 1938 to 1941 in addition to periodic assignments to other countries on the continent for INS.

ANDERSON has appointed MARY HORNADAY, correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor, and RUTH LLOYD, free-lance magazine writer and former United Press correspondent in France, Poland and the Balkans, as Co-Editors of The Bulletin. With this issue, they replace RALPH H. MAJOR, JR., recently appointed Chairman of the Program Committee.

(Editor's Note): The above item spells "30" to an extra-curricular "career" commenced almost three years ago. Since that time, Ye Ed has been privileged to edit more than 150 issues of the Overseas Press Club Bulletin. He leaves this pleasant assignment with regret at bypassing the associations with The Bulletin's many friends, but with relief at passing on to others the discipline of a weekly deadline and the exacting task of acting as the Club's official "mouthpiece."

Ye Ed owes great debts to many. To the many who have cheered his efforts with an occasional note or spoken word. To The Bulletin's dozen unsung Special Correspondents, who keep the Club posted on activities of colleagues abroad. And to the various administrations under which he has been honored to work.

In transferring The Bulletin to a new editorial team, the Editor does so with supreme confidence in their ability, not only to mirror Club activity to those overseas as well as to those at home, but to interpret the goals and hopes of the Overseas Press Club to that expanding circle of fellowship of late and present foreign correspondents in whom the world itself holds such hope. -- RHM.

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On May 8 A. WILFRED MAY, recently returned from attending the International Economic Conference in Moscow, was interviewed by Jinx Falkenburg McCrary on her TV show... Cover of Editor & Publisher for May 10 reported the achievements of Chicago Daily News correspondent KEYES BEECH in stimulating from Korea a campaign on the part of a group of Macomb, Ill., Girl Scouts to provide aid for South Korean school children ... ARTHUR SETTEL, former public relations aide at Bonn, Germany, has been named chief of the overseas program information and promotion for the State Department's Voice of America ...

: The Council on Foreign Relations announces the offering of resident :
: fellowships to two American foreign correspondents for the academic :
: year, September 15, 1952, to June 15, 1953, for study at Council head- :
: quarters (56 East 68th Street) and at nearby universities. Among :
: recent winners were HENRY R. LIEBERMAN of the New York Times, HAL :
: LEHRMAN, free-lance specialist in Eastern Europe; and GEORGE PALMER, :
: Associated Press. Applications should reach the Council at the above :
: address not later than August 1. Awards will be announced August 15. :

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THE OVERSEAS TICKER

PARIS DATELINE: (Special to The Bulletin by CURT L. HEYMANN) -- Only American on Continental Daily Mail staff, BERNARD S. REDMONT, is offering interested mag editors feature article entitled: "We're having a French baby." The Redmonts expect to put out a second edition any minute now.

... WALTER LIPPMAN enroute to England for lecture bookings.

...Holiday Ed. Irwin Shaw writing the lead story. Ted Patrick lining up material for April, 1953, "Paris" issue. Ludwig Bemelmans is "man-about-town in search of sin", which he will cover exclusively for Holiday's Paris special...CURT L. HEYMANN author of "The Saar - Eye Witness Account of an American Reporter" a booklet containing a series of articles on that controversial area. . .ERIC HAWKINS back from business--vacation in New York, Washington, New Orleans and Texas, riding out the seasonal storm of job applicants, reports a new high in eager-beaverism: A youthful Journalism School graduate persisted in battering at the NYHT Paris edition's door until ERIC finally said: "Not a chance now. Come back next year." Replied the young hopeful: "Morning or afternoon?" . . .

"New War, New Mud, New Foe--But Same Joe" is Stars & Stripes 10th anniversary issue lead story, featuring GI Joe in Korea. . . S&S printed 7,000,000 daily copies in 25 cities in its wartime heyday; netted the Army's Central Welfare fund \$5,000,000 annually without selling ads. . . Now printed in Darmstadt, it's down to 100,000 copies. Kenneth Zumwalt, M.E. still at the helm. . . Women in Moscow are as badly dressed as the men--from the average worker to Andrei Vishinsky, who dons his best only for UN appearances, Paul Bastid told the Anglo-American Press Association lunch. Bastid, former French deputy and writer for L'Aurore was a member of the French delegation to the Moscow Economic Conference. . . DON COOK, who covered Madame Pearl Mesta's farewell party for General Eisenhower in Luxembourg for the NY Herald Tribune, says Ike barbequed the steaks for the guests. COOK exclusive: Ike likes steak with a touch of garlic. . .

Correspondents planning coverage of the International Press Conference at Enghien-les-Bains wondering how they'll make out in a watering place...Paris in the Spring note: Les Halles handled 95 tons of muguet sprigs May 1. Financial experts amongst our French confreres estimated that at 50 francs a sprig, this totalled 1,700,000,000 francs--or enough to pay for two days of the war in Indochina. . . H. S. "Bill" Marchant, British embassy press chief, transferring to Yugoslavia post. Told farewell cocktail guests that his pre-Paris briefing went something like this: "The position ahead of you is something like making love to an elephant--it's an uphill job, you'll be in perpetual danger of being stepped on, and it will take three years before you see any results. . ."

TOKYO DATELINE:--(Special to The Bulletin by HAZEL SHORE)--Several members of the working press corps mobbed by communist May Day demonstrators...MARGARET BOURKE-WHITE (Life), Clete Roberts (AP-TV), MAX DESFOR, (AP), Richard Kallsen (MBS), Ray Steinberg (Time), Gene Zenier (Warner Pathe Newsreel) bruised by stones. . . Michael Rougier (Time-Life) was the target for some really rough treatment--while one man threw stones at his head, another demonstrator raised welts on his back with a long bamboo pole reinforced with steel... IRVING LEVINE (NBC) was driving the automobile of JOHN RICH (NBC) which was completely demolished when overturned and burned by rioters...damaged cars included those of MARGARET BOURKE-WHITE, Keyes Beech (Chicago Daily News)... Correspondents were surrounded by maddened mob.

The Japanese Foreign Office made official apologies and Prime Minister Yoshida called a special session of the Diet to outline means for preventing future communist riots but correspondents still waiting word from insurance companies to know if damages can be collected--no one seems to know if insurance covers mob violence and so far the Japanese government has not offered to pay for the damage.

Miss Eugenia Skodinski, Army Civilian employee, became the bride of Ed Hoffman (Acme) May 10...MARGART PARTON, former NY Herald Tribune correspondent in India and Pakistan, has joined the gang at the Press Club here...BERYL KENT is writing a Hollywood column from California for Tokyo's Nippon Times...NBC shortly moving to new address in the Nikkatsu Building, Japan's newest and most modern office building. . .

POPULAR GUY: Member A. WILFRED MAY, only non-Communist journalist at the recent International Economic Conference in Moscow addressed a Foreign Policy Association lounge meeting, May 8; is slated as luncheon speaker at the New School for Social Research on May 20.

VICTOR LASKY and a partner have secured movie rights to Past President LOUIS P. LOCHNER's biography, "Fritz Kreisler" ... The Broadcasting Pioneers on May 15 presented NBC's BEN GRAUER with a special "Sylvania Gold Tube Award" for his "outstanding contributions to the radio and television industry as a newsman, special events man and a moderator extraordinary". Congratulations!... BILL DOWNS of CBS helped interview Admiral William M. Fechteler, chief of naval operations, on CBS Radio's "Capitol Cloakroom" on May 16 ...

Author IELAND STOWE, Pulitzer Prize-winning foreign correspondent, appeared May 10 as a guest on Mutual's "Twenty Questions" show ... From Manila comes word that IRENE CORBALLY KUHN participated in a radio quiz of three ex-Huks, two "commanders" from the hills who surrendered, and one Rivera, who was captured and arrested in Manila where he was chief intelligence officer for the Communist party. In answer to her question, the intelligence officer admitted that the Philippine Huks were in contact right along with China's Communist party, the Australian Communist party and the Communist Party of the United States. On May 7, the Overseas Press Club contingent in Manila gave a dinner in IRENE KUHN's honor. (Papers there gave front-page play to announcement of the OPC Awards) ...

ERNIE HILL of the Chicago Daily News Foreign Service has returned to his United Nations beat after spending four months in Europe and four months in the Middle East...GERTY AGOSTON'S "Letter to a Friend in France" (Endstation Sehnsucht: Amerika) appears in the *Staatszeitung*; discusses the erroneous ideas most ordinary Europeans have about Americans and the American way of life...ELSA MAXWELL sails for Europe May 21st to gather material for columns and magazine pieces...JOHN WILHELM (McGraw-Hill), Mexico bureau) vacationing with his wife and children in New York...WILHELM says he plans to recruit *NYTimes* bull-fight expert Sidney Gruson in self-defense--Gruson grabs his Bulletin and scans the correspondents-around-the-world items the moment he spots the OPC weekly in our Mexico correspondent's mailbox...

INS General Manager SEYMOUR BERKSON reported a banner year for INS and "the greatest overall growth in any similar period" in his annual report to the ANPA convention ... CECIL BROWN's daily commentary, now a five-minute feature expands to 10 minutes with the June 9 program; the time 5:50 to 6 p.m., N.Y., over MBS ... *Time-Life* photog DAVID DOUGLAS DUNCAN was recently awarded the Legion of Merit at the Marine Air Station at Olathe, Kans.; citation: for his ingenuity in obtaining photographs of Marine Air Corps close-support operations while "personally flying in a transport-nosed belly tank slung beneath the left wing of a P-38 aircraft".



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** FRENCH BANKER-ECONOMIST TELLS OPC PRESS CONFERENCE **
** By SANFORD GRIFFITHS **

M. Jacques Rueff, vice-governor of the Bank of France and President of the Inter-Allied Reparations Commission, held a press briefing at the OPC clubrooms May 8. Summarizing his impressions after talks with bankers and financiers in the United States, M. Rueff said:

"Premier Pinay's thrifty common sense policies during the few months he has been in office, have improved the French financial situation and may well contribute to sounder European business conditions. The misfortunes of France and Western Europe may be blamed on inflation more than any other single factor. In fact, nine-tenths of France's troubles are caused by inflation. Domestic production and also international trade are upset by currency fluctuations. Premier Pinay, by introducing economies and by slowing the soaring spiral of prices and wages, is bringing back a feeling of confidence. For the first time the budget, even with heavy outlays for the war in Indo-China, shows a substantial surplus. The prospect for the fiscal year ahead is equally favorable.

"This beginning toward financial stability is reflected in the improved rate of exchange of the franc. The French people are thrifty, and welcome the chance to save despite uncertain political conditions and an insecure peace. Of course, France and Europe still have a long way to go towards complete financial stability with a currency convertible in gold and in dollars.

"Premier Pinay, with his conservative and rather old-fashioned ideas of thrift, has already taken significant steps in that direction. This improvement has had and is being substantially aided by well-directed American backing."

M. Rueff, in Washington, found U.S. collaboration with France both close and friendly. He stayed over in New York a day to give his talk and went directly from the Club to his plane for Paris.

Present at the conference were: J. M. Nevord, Journal of Commerce; A. WILFRED MAY, Financial Chronicle; B. MATHIEU, New Yorker; JOSA RUFFNER, Die Presse (Vienna); MARCELLE HENRY, Voice of America; Mme. Renee Gesmar, Dernieres Nouvelles (Strasbourg-France); George Tilge, French News Agency; Max Dorian, Agence Quotidienne (Paris); Norbert Leroy, J. P. Morgan & Co.; A. H. Nichols, Irving Trust Co.; George E. H. Slater, J. Henry Shroder Banking Corp.; Albert Muller, Bankers Trust Co.; Pierre Martin, French Chamber of Commerce; Jacques Dupuy, French Consulate; Michel Dumont, French press attache; Walter E. Spahr, Economists National Committee on Monetary Policy and N. Y. University; Guy Monod, treasurer of the UN; LARRY BLOCHMAN, free-lance writer; SANFORD GRIFFITHS, economic consultant; RUTH LLOYD, OPC Bulletin.

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